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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 16 and 17 are added by this amendment. Claims 1, 10, and 13 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 6 and 13 are objected to for certain informalities. The Applicants appreciate the observations of the Examiner and in response, Claims 6 and 13 have been amended to correct the informalities noted. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to Claims 6 and 13 is respectfully requested. Further, Claim 1 has been amended to correct an awkward claim construction noted upon review of the claims. Claim 1, 6, and 13 were not amended in reference to the above to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,676,579 to Parham

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("Parham"). Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,646,473 to Eggink ("Eggink"). Claim 6 is rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Parham in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,675,677 to Davenport ("Davenport"). Claims 10-12 are rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Parham in view of Eggink.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Parham shows a discharge vessel 292 of a lamp (see, FIGS. 14-17) having tail ends, for example tail ends 262, 264 as shown in FIG. 15. As is clear from each of the figures, Parham further shows a reflector 290 that covers portions of each of the discharge vessel 292 and the tail end 264 that extends towards an optically inactive region of the reflector 252 (e.g., see, FIG. 14). As is also clearly shown in the figures, the discharge vessel 292 does not extend into a neck area of the reflector 252.

Eggink shows an electric reflector lamp having a rectangular-shaped discharge vessel 42 positioned within a neck 1 of the lamp (e.g., see, FIG. 1).

It is respectfully submitted that the reflector lamp of Claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Parham.

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For example, Parham does not disclose or suggest, a reflector lamp that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a light source contained within a hollow discharge vessel having an extended tail end, a main reflector, a neck portion extending from said main reflector, and at least one primary reflector which is configured to provide a reflection through the light source onto the main reflector of those light portions originating from the light source which propagate in a direction of optically inactivated regions of the main reflector or regions of the main reflector obscured by other objects, wherein the at least one primary reflector covers a portion of the hollow discharge vessel but does not substantially cover the tail end, and wherein the tail end extends in the direction of the optically inactivated regions of the main reflector" as required by Claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1 is patentable over Parham and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-9 depend from Claim 1 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said

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claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the Claims 2-9 is respectfully requested.

It is further respectfully submitted that the lamp of Claim 10 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Parham in view of Eggink. For example, Parham in view of Eggink does not disclose or suggest, a lamp that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a substantially ellipsoid-shaped discharge vessel configured to sustain a discharge; a vessel reflector at least partially covering said substantially ellipsoid-shaped discharge vessel; a reflection portion covered with a further reflector; and a neck portion extending from said reflection portion; wherein at least a portion of said substantially ellipsoid-shaped discharge vessel is located within said neck portion" as required by Claim 10 and as substantially required by Claim 13.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 10 and 13 are patentable over Parham in view of Eggink and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 11-12 and 13-17 respectively depend from one of Claims 10 and 13 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as

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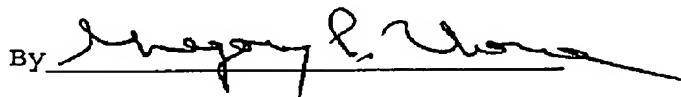
well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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